



28 July 2026

Ref: OIA-2026/27-0031

Tēnā koe [REDACTED],

Official Information Act request relating to PPE for Ministerial Site Visits

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request, which was received by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC) on 7 July 2026. You requested:

"I am writing to request information under the Official Information Act 1982 regarding the provision of personal protective equipment (PPE) for Ministers attending official site visits.

Specifically, I request:

[1]. Any policies, guidance, or procedures relating to the provision of PPE for Ministers during official site visits.

[2]. Information on who is responsible for supplying that PPE (for example, ministerial offices, government departments, host organisations, contractors, or project owners).

[3]. If PPE is supplied by ministerial offices or government departments, the total expenditure on PPE for ministerial site visits since 27 November 2023, including (where available) a breakdown of items such as hard hats, high-visibility clothing, safety glasses, boots, and other PPE.

[4]. If PPE is typically supplied by host organisations, contractors, or project owners, any information held by your agency relating to that arrangement, including any guidance, correspondence, or records relating to associated costs."

For ease of reference, I have numbered your request.

On 16 July 2026, you were advised that part [2] of your request was transferred to WorkSafe as the information requested is not held by DPMC. WorkSafe will respond to you directly with any information they may hold.

It is my understanding that the agency, business, or site operator hosting the Minister is legally responsible for the Minister's safety and must assess site risks and provide the necessary safety gear.

For completeness, searches have been completed of our Information Management Systems for any information relevant to parts [1], [3] and [4] of your request and nothing has been identified. Therefore parts [1], [3] and [4] of your request are refused under section 18(e) of the Act, as the information requested does not exist.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision under section 28(3) of the Act.

This response will be published on the DPMC website during our regular publication cycle. Typically, information is released monthly, or as otherwise determined. Your personal information including name and contact details will be removed for publication.

Nāku noa, nā



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